

VETS' ORPHANS ASK USEFUL GIFTS

Poll of Ohio Home Discloses Few Who Want Toys for Christmas.

KENIA, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Hobby horses, sleds and other toys ran a poor race in an informal referendum among eighty-seven world war orphans of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home at Kenia, conducted by the Ohio department of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The children were asked to name first and second choices for Christmas presents by Mrs. Walter Dean, chairman of the auxiliary's Christmas committee. Although their ages run from two to fifteen years, the orphans for the most part selected useful gifts which would help them in making their way in the world, according to Mrs. Dean.

"One little girl twelve years old asked for a copy of Les Miserables and a fifteen-year-old boy selected The Technique of the Linotype," Mrs. Dean said. "Other requests were for Longfellow's poems, the bible, testaments and the works of Browning. In not one instance was there a call for a book other than a classic."

Torn sweaters were second choice of many girls, according to Mrs. Dean, while a number of boys asked for sweaters, skates and sleds as second preference. Almost \$1,000 was received from various auxiliary units to buy Christmas presents for the orphans.

Mrs. Sylvia Garver, matron of the home, is an orphan and was reared and educated in the institution. Then she obtained a position as a school teacher and later married the superintendent of the home and returned as matron.

A Christmas tree was placed by the Ohio department of the auxiliary in every ward of Ohio hospitals in which ex-service men are confined.

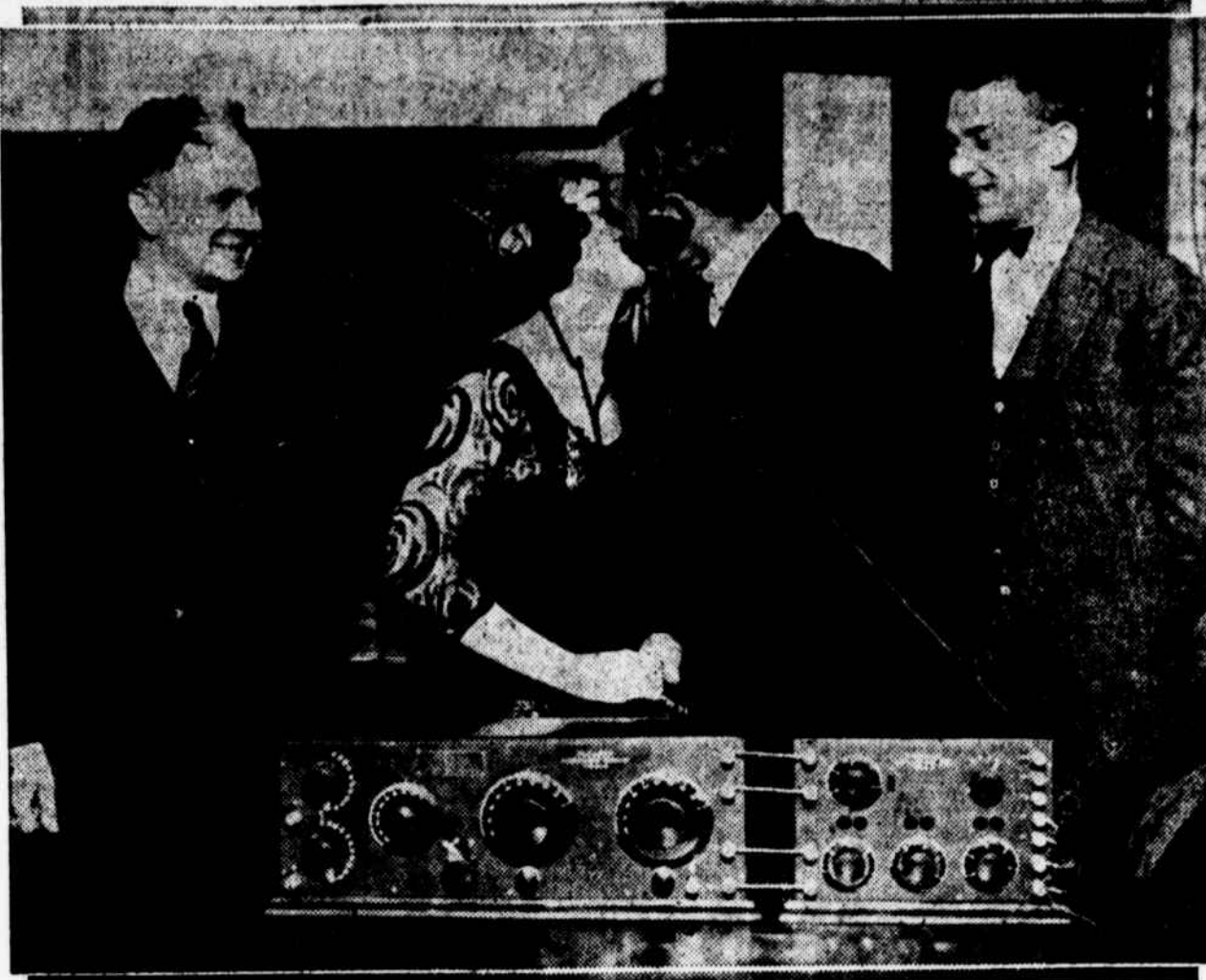
DEPEW TO SEND JOKE

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Chauncey Depew has been prevailed upon to flash his wit across continents and oceans by radio Thursday night from the Grand Central Palace. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company is having its most efficient machine primed for Depew, and as the address will be sent out over a 400-meter wave length, there is no telling where the veteran raconteur's voice will end up.

Depew sent a message around the world by telegraph wire on the occasion of the first complete telegraphic encirclement of the globe.

RADIO WEDDING RAISES QUESTION



Miss Margaret Girstner and Joseph Woorm, both of New York were married by radio as a feature of the wireless show. Now there has arisen the question as to whether the ceremony was legal. Photo shows them rehearsing the marriage.

GRIEVE AT LOSS OF LEGLESS BABY

Death "For the Best," Admit Le Brasca as Crippled Child Is Taken.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—There was sadness in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Le Brasca this Christmas. The only child, born without arms or legs, is dead.

"This is my cross to bear," the mother said when the baby was born.

But today both mother and father expressed the belief that it was "for the best" that the child had been taken away in infancy. Never-retary, announced today.

theless, they were sad when they looked upon the toys they had purchased for the baby's first Christmas and which lay undisturbed.

For five weeks doctors and scientists had debated the question of whether or not Baby Le Brasca should be scientifically put to death. Those who contended against it won out. It was pointed out that while the child might have a weak body physically, mentally she might prove to be the sensation of the age.

"The baby must live," said Dr. S. T. Boileau, who attended the mother at the birth of the child. "There is nothing that can be done."

Baby Le Brasca was taken ill a week ago. Three days ago it became apparent she might not live to see her first Christmas.

The parents, refusing to accept the inevitable, planned a Christmas celebration. But instead of Christmas cheer today, there was sorrow in the Le Brasca home.

Lions Meet Wednesday.

The regular weekly meeting of the Lions' Club will be held Wednesday at 12:30 in the new Willard Hotel, W. L. Harrison, secretary, announced today.

SISTERS DIE AS CHRISTMAS DAWNS

Candy Kills Seven-Year-Old as Pneumonia Takes One of Triplets.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—The joy of the Christmas season has been wiped out of the lives of Charles R. Oberholzer, of Jeffersonville, and his wife. Seven-year-old Florence, and Katharine, a one-and-a-half-year old triplet, no longer will look forward to the coming of Santa Claus and his pack of good things.

Oberholzer bought a supply of candy some days ago for the children during the holidays. He hid it in a closet but not well enough, however, as Florence found it, and after eating some gave it to her sisters, Betty and Rose and Mildred, the other two triplets.

Mrs. Oberholzer, nursing Katharine, ill with pneumonia and not expected to live, was unaware of the finding of the candy until it was too late.

Florence complained of sharp pains after supper, and though she received an emetic, became worse. So worried did the parents become over her condition, and that of Betty, nine years old, who also became ill, that they called a physician.

He was unable to save Florence. His efforts received encouragement in the treatment of Betty, though she is critically ill. Katharine died shortly after Florence. Rose and Mildred, who had eaten little of the candy, seemed to suffer no ill effects.

CIVITAN CARRIES XMAS CHEER TO MANY

Dinners Distributed to 140 Families in and Near the City by Members.

One hundred and forty Washington homes, at whose doors the wolf of poverty snarls at this time of year, are happy today, through the good offices of the Washington Civitan Club.

With words of cheer on their lips, and laden with heaping baskets of provender, the Civitans yesterday went on a happy pilgrimage to the poor of Washington and of neighboring communities.

Their message of Christmas good will was taken to homes as far away as Clarendon, Va., and in the distant southeast near the Maryland boundary.

A very few addresses furnished the club proved to be wrong, and in these cases the Civitans sought out other deserving families whom no other agency had taken under its care.

The clubmen gathered at the old Knights of Columbus Hall, now the headquarters of the Salvation Army, 500 E. street northwest. The street outside was filled with Civitan automobiles.

"Salutes" Help Out.

Within the hall, last preparations were made for delivery of the baskets. Employees of the Salvation Army assisted the members and wives of members in packing the baskets.

Each basket was filled with dressed chickens, a big sack of flour, fresh and canned vegetables, sugar, coffee, candy and the rest of the ingredients of a hearty Christmas meal.

Rudolph, the reindeer, a long list of addresses, doled out the assignments to his fellow Civitans. The automobiles were packed with baskets.

"Suppose one of the addresses is bad?" asked one of the delivery corps.

"Then it's up to you to find a good address; one that hasn't been visited," Jose replied.

After many of the cars had moved away on their errands, the club waited for the second consignment of chickens to fill the remaining baskets.

Charlie James, the genial sergeant-at-arms, kept the crowd in good humor with references to "old married men waiting here for chickens," and by walking up and down before the line of baskets with anxious countenance, calling "Here, chick, chick, chick!"

Ed Brashears got off to an early start.

"What am I supposed to say when I hand in the baskets?" he wanted to know.

"The best speaker in the club ought to know what to say," Jim Proctor, Gallagher-and-Shepard.

Exit, Mr. Brashears, bowing.

All Day Job.

Clarence Harding, president of the club, assumed the duties of traffic cop and kept the remaining baskets in perfect alignment near the curb, leaving a section of the pavement free for pedestrians.

G. Logan Payne, publisher of The Washington Times, and his son, George, packed their big machine full of baskets and drove off.

Spencer Curry and St. Grogan executed an intricate acrobatic dance on the curbstone to keep warm.

When the last chickens had arrived and had been safely tucked in the baskets and taken for an automobile ride the clocks on the dashboards stood near noon. The work of the club, however, was not completed until late in the afternoon.

Victim of Heart Attack.

John E. Guirato, aged forty, of 304 Maryland avenue northeast, was stricken by heart disease while walking at Thirteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue yesterday. He was removed to Emergency Hospital, where his condition was pronounced serious.

ALBANIAN YOUTH HAS 17 JOBS IN 2 MONTHS

Now Back at Ellis Island and May Be Returned Home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Evangelos Mangiere, known to the immigration authorities as "the man of many jobs," sat by a window of the detention quarters of Ellis Island and looked back upon the towering brick and mortar of Manhattan, where Opportunity had knocked, not once, but many times, for him, to no avail.

According to the story his brother told in court Evangelos had "chucked up" seventeen jobs in the brief two months he was enjoying freedom in America under bond by grace of the Federal courts.

Four months ago Evangelos Mangiere came here from Piskernia, Albania. He is seventeen, of pleasing appearance, and keen to get into the Land of Opportunity, but had to be excluded as in excess of the Albanian quota. His brother, residing in New York, procured a writ of habeas corpus and rescued him from a ship just about to sail.

The District Court judge dismissed the writ, but the brother of Evangelos appealed to the United States Court of Appeals, which granted Evangelos freedom from Ellis Island under bond pending a hearing. It was while thus enjoying freedom in New York that the young Albanian came to hold so many jobs, but because of an encounter with his brother, he was sent to Blackwell's Island for thirty days, and his bondsmen then returned him to Ellis Island to await the outcome of the case in the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The seventeen positions held by Evangelos were bus boy and dish-washing jobs in restaurants.

Harding Sends Greeting to Vets.

Pershing and Forbes Also Give Messages of Christmas Cheer.

President Harding, Gen. John J. Pershing and Col. Charles R. Forbes, Director of the Veteran's Bureau, joined today in extending Christmas greetings to American war veterans.

The president is entitled, the President declared, to the "utmost assurance that a grateful people stands willing and anxious to do everything possible for them," and expressed the hope the coming year would bring them "in fullest measure a restored fortune, health and prosperity."

Said General Pershing:

"On this Christmas Day I wish to extend to all of you my warmest greetings and most cordial good wishes. None of us can ever be unmindful of the great sacrifices you have made in the service of your country, although few can realize what you have suffered. Your courage and your fortitude shall ever be an inspiration to us. For the coming year, as always, you have my most earnest thought for your welfare and happiness. May it bring its full measure of health and fortune, but above everything, may it find you ever brave and resolute in living up to the high standards of your war service."

During the morning President Harding went to the Chevy Chase links for a round of golf.

CHICAGO CHURCH BURNED BY OVERHEATED FURNACE

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The Millard Avenue Congregational Church was destroyed by fire early today.

Pipeman Sup fell from the roof while fighting the flames and was seriously injured. The blaze is believed to have been started by an overheated furnace.

Woodward & Lothrop DOWN STAIRS STORE

Annual Clearance Winter Apparel for Women--Misses--Children



\$13

All Tweed Suits in blues, browns and grays; 36-inch length coats; full silk lined.

Women's Coats Reduced to \$13

Smart sports coats in browns, tan and wool mixtures; big patch pockets, raglan or set-in sleeves. Deeply reduced to \$13.

Coats Reduced to \$19.75

Normandies, Bolivias and Velours, in well-tailored models; brown and black.

Coats Reduced to \$29.50

Handsome coats of Bolivia or Normandie; full silk lined and interlined; many with big fur collars.

Coats Reduced to \$34.75

A splendid group of elegant winter coats of rich, soft pile fabrics; navy, browns and black; mostly fur trimmed.

Coats Reduced to \$39.50

Blouse and straight-line models of Normandies and diagonal Bolivias.

Coats Reduced to \$43

All fur-trimmed models of very beautiful soft fabrics.

Winter Suits Reduced to \$19.75

Navy Poirer Twills, very well tailored and full silk lined; 36 and 38 inch length coats.

DOWN STAIRS STORE

Women's Dresses Reduced to \$10

A group of silks—Thicoshams, Taffetas and Canton Crepes—in long lines or bloused styles; all at \$10 now.

Dresses Reduced to \$14

Velvets and Taffetas in navy and black; Canton Crepes and "party" frocks; Poirer Twills, embroidered or braided.

Dresses Reduced to \$18

Black Lace Afternoon Gowns combined with Georgette; Canton Crepes and fine Crepe de Chine models; many with tiny ruffles.

Dresses Reduced to \$23

Flat Crepes (extremely new), Cantons and Crepe de Chines in distinctive models; Evening Frocks of Pastel Taffetas; handsome Poirer Twill Dresses in navy or black.

Skirts Reduced to \$5

Plain tailored Poirer Twill Skirts or sports models of fancy sponge or velours, in stripes and checks; pleated or plain.

DOWN STAIRS STORE

Costume Blouses Reduced to \$3.95

Heavily beaded and embroidered Crepe de Chine Blouses in gold, sand, navy, jade, cherry and henna; Georgette Blouses with new cross-stitch effects, black satin or satin with georgette; greatly lowered to \$3.95.

Blouses Reduced to \$2.95

A few white Crepe de Chine Blouses, with Peter Pan collars and cuffs.

Blouses Reduced to \$1.95

Georgettes, with Irish or filet lace, also a few quilted satin jackets

Sweaters Reduced to \$4.95

Soft wool Tuxedos, with fancy or plain weaves; plain colors or with contrasts.

Sweaters Reduced to \$3.95

Lattice or Pineapple weave Tuxedos, also plain weaves in buff, brown, gray, black, navy, jade, jockey and henna.

Sweaters Reduced to \$2.95

150 Sweaters in many styles of slip-ons; roll collars or Duchess collars, including the popular brushed wool and fancy or plain weaves.

DOWN STAIRS STORE

Girls' Winter Coats Reduced to \$4

Of All-Wool Silvelour. Sizes 12 to 18 Years

Pleated back models, with large patch pockets. Shades of brown, navy, green and wool mixtures.

Girls' Dresses Now \$9.75

All-wool Crepe Dresses, in very good styles for girls of 12 to 16 years; Peter Pan collars trimmed with wool and fancy buttons. Navy, brown, sand and henna; a few jersey dresses.

Millinery Reduced to \$1.65

A close out of 200 Trimmed Hats, including Panne, Silk and Lyons velvets, hatter's plush and metallic cloths; turbans, roll brims, sailors and poke shapes; trimmed with jet, tinsel, oriental novelties, fancy pins and velvet; black, brown, steel, old blue, purple, henna, jade and cherry.

Sports Hats Reduced to 95c

Smooth or scratch felts, Piping Rock shapes, with satin lining; sand, brown, navy, cherry and black.

Sports Hats Reduced to 35c

Felts, in tan shapes, in sand, grays and other colors.

DOWN STAIRS STORE

Sample Low Footwear, \$2.95

No two pairs are alike—they're samples of high grade and fashionable styles of oxfords and pumps with one or two straps. Black and tan shades. Just 36 pairs in all.

100 Pairs Women's Lace Shoes, \$2.95

Black and brown kidskin shoes with Cuban heels. Sizes 4 to 7. Exceptional values. Some welt and others McKay soles.

Small Size Low Footwear, \$1.45

A group of 40 pairs of Women's Pumps and Oxfords in sizes 3, 3½ and 4; greatly price lowered because of limited sizes.

DOWN STAIRS STORE

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Tomorrow---One Week In Advance
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SALE!

Dorothy Dodd

Pumps, Oxfords
and Boots

\$4.85



AN unlimited variety of styles and leathers to select from, enabling you to meet your foot-wear desires for every occasion, be it dress, street or sport.

This sale is comprised of Dorothy Dodd high-character footwear, and at this drastic pricing offers, without a doubt, values extraordinary.

Palais Royal—Shoe Dept.—Second Floor.